inter-se priority and availability of fund and there after detailed estimates are sanctioned. In principle approval could not be accorded to the remaining proposals bacause of insufficient fund. In case of Central Road Fund, works up to the sanction ceiling as approved by the Ministry based on *inter-se* priority have been sanctioned. Unapproved CRF proposals have been returned for resubmission based on *inter-se* priority after updating. In case of National Highway (Original), only those works included in the Annual Plan are considered for sanction considering their acceptability from technical parameters and sanction ceiling. Works upto sanction limit have been santioned each year in case of M&R works. Unapproved NH (O) & M&R proposals have been returned to the State PWD.

Development of Mumbai Port

1136. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to develop port at Mumbai to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Development of Ports is an on-going process kepping in veiw the demands of Maritime Trade. Under the National Maritime Development Programme, a total of 14 Projects have been identified to be taken up for implementation by the year 2011-12 in Mumbai Port, which involve an estimated investment of Rs. 2766.06 crores. These include projects relating to construction/reconstruction of berths jetties, procurement of equipment, rail and road connectivity works etc. With the implementation of these projects, facilities in the Mumbai Port are expected to improve considerably.

Upgradation of highways

1137. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up various programme for modernization and upgradation of highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with revenue implication and targeted date for completion of each project, State-wise, with special reference to Karnataka;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is considerable delay in implementation of the highway projects resulting in cost overruns;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which Government propose to ensure adherence to time schedule;

(e) whether restructuring and empowerment of NHAI are some of the solutions thought of for timely completion of the projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways, which is a continuous process. Government has taken up major initiatives for development of National Highways under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and Special accelerated Road Development Programme in North East Region (SARDP-NE) where the emphasis is on development of corridors rather than on development of National Highways in isolation within any particular State/Union Territory. The details of various phases of NHDP and SARDP-NE are as below:

S. No.	NHDP Phases	Work	Lengh in Km	Estimated Cost in Rs. Crore	Target date of completion
1	NHDP Phase I & II (Balance Work)	Upgradation & 4-laning of National Highways	8474	52434	Year 2008*
2	NHDP Phase III	Upgradation & 4-laning of National Highways	11113	72454	Year 2009
3	NHDP Phase IV	2-lanning with paved shoulder	20000	27800	Year 2015
4	NHDP Phase V	6-laning of National Highways	6500	41210	Year 2012
5	NHDP Phase VI	Construction of Expressways	1000	16680	Year 2015
6	NHDP Phase VII	Construction of Ring roads & by passes etc.		16680	Year 2014
7	SARDP-NE Phase A	Improvement of National Highways (NHs) and General Staff(GS) Roads	1310@	4618	Year 2009

*substantial completion @ includes 1110 km of NHs and 200 km of GS roads

(c) and (d) There have been delays in execution of some projects due to poor performance of contractors, shifting of utilities etc. It is premature to indicate the cost overrum on account of such delays at this stage pending the completion of these projects, which are still under implementation in various phases of NHDP.

(e) and (f) The proposal for restructuring of NHAI is under consideration with the Government.

Private enterprises-NHAI partnership

1138. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is partnering with different private enterprises for implementation of various phases of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of each project, the ratio of sharing of the cost and returns thereof between the partners, the project location and targeted date for completion of the project;

(d) whether any project under NHDP is proposed to be located in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Committee on Infrastructure (CoI) has approved various phases under enhanced scope of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) involving a total estimated expenditure of Rs. 2,20,000 crore at 01.01.2006 prices. Most of these projects are envisaged to be implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP).